

## YOUNG CUBAN DISAPPEARS

Father Gets Suicide Threat, Next Report of Death and Burial.

## HE SUSPECTS FOUL PLAY

**Consul General Asks Police Aid to Find Wealthy Lawyer's Son, Missing Since July 5.**

Deputy Commissioner Dougherty was requested yesterday by a representative of Mariano Roaefort, Cuban Consul General in this city, to have his detectives aid in solving the mysterious disappearance of Rafael Tenacio Suares y Suarez, of Havana. The last seen of the young man in this city was on July 5. His father received word in Havana of his son's death, but where he died, where he was buried, and by whom, was not stated, and the father suspected foul play, although the son had threatened to commit suicide. Detectives were at once on the case, which proved a many-sided mystery.

Rafael Ignacio Sabin y Suarez is the son of Dr. Antonio Sabin, a wealthy lawyer of Havana. The lost son, who is twenty-two years old, left Cuba without the consent of his father, saying he was going first to New York and later to Switzerland. He arrived in this city about July 1. His movements after that are not known. Nobody seemed to know even where he lived. The last time he was seen here was July 5, when a Cuban woman who knew his family in Cuba saw him in West 23d street in company with a young woman, apparently not a Cuban. She informed the consul general.

Soon after his arrival in New York Suares, or Sabin, as he was known in Cuba, wrote a letter to his father expressing his discouragement because he was here without friends and without funds. He asked his father to send him money, threatening that unless the money was forthcoming he would commit suicide by shooting. Sabin inclosed with the letter a laundry list just what his purpose was in sending that to his father did not appear, unless it was to show what expense he was under in this city. However, he had carefully cut off the heading bearing the name and address of the laundry.

Then there entered the case one J. E. Albert, whose identity was unknown to the missing young man's father, and appeared neither in the city directory nor the telephone book. He wrote to Dr. Sabin from this city under date of August 1, saying: "I am sorry to notify you that your son is dead." The writer went on to tell the father that the body of his son had been placed in a vault, and gave the number of the vault in a cemetery near New York. The mysterious Albert added that his wife found two letters in Sabin's clothes addressed to his father, which he also forwarded to Havana.

The first work of the detectives assigned to the case by Deputy Commissioner Dougherty will be to get trace of Albert, who may be able to clear up the mystery. The description of Sabin furnished the detective bureau said he was dark, with black hair, slim, and of about medium height.

## BLAMES DIME NOVELS

**Young Robber Tells Court He Tried to Emulate Bold Doings.**

When Joseph Degnan, seventeen years old, was arraigned in General Sessions yesterday for sentence upon conviction of burglary, Judge Swann read a letter received from the prisoner in which he pleaded for clemency, saying among other things:

"Bravado and unworthy rivalry of my favored dime novel heroes have caused my downfall, but I mean in the future to pursue more worthy ideals."

"A remarkable letter from a remarkably bright young man," commented Judge Swann, as he sentenced Degnan to Elmira instead of to state prison.

Degnan, at the time of his arrest on June 4 was on probation, having pleaded guilty to robbery last January. He was arrested on the charge of robbing the home of Evelyn P. Miller, at No. 335 West 26th street. The police said he had confined to several other burglaries.

All of the places entered were on the top floors of buildings and Degnan made a practice of taking with him on his trips over the roofs a basket in which to carry stray pigeons for which he pretended to be looking.

## LEASES.

Edgar T. Kingley has leased for business the four story and basement brown stone front dwelling house at No. 45 East 6th street to Elmer Nolan, gowns and costumes, now at No. 81 Lexington avenue; Dr. Seymour Oppenheimer is the owner. The lease is for a term of years, with privilege of renewal.

Edward McVicker, Inc., has leased for George H. Warren to Hanger & Co. a plot of thirty-six lots on the West side of Reservoir avenue, opposite the Jerome Park Reservoir.

Royal S. Gulden has leased for the George Backer Construction Company space in the building Nos. 2 and 4 West 4th street to Mine Birth, space in the Midvale Building, Nos. 17 and 19 West 4th street, to M. Stickney, and offices in Nos. 542 and 544 Fifth avenue to Dr. George A. Wilson, dentist.

Finnimore C. Goodwin has rented for Thomas A. Sperry to the American Genealogical Society for a long term of years a suite of offices on the twelfth floor of the Putnam Building, Nos. 2, 4 and 6 West 4th street. The society is now at No. 116 Nassau street.

Benjamin Englander has leased to the Reliance Waist Company the eleventh loft in No. 29 to 26 West 22d street, containing about 40,000 feet, also to Dicker & Ginsberg the ninth loft in the building now under construction at Nos. 14 and 14 West 22d street.

Corn & Co. have leased for L. Unterberg & H. Eschborn & Brother 6,000 square feet at Nos. 104 to 108 West 27th street; for Webster B. Mabie & Co. 5,000 square feet at Nos. 28 and 30 West 25th street, and for B. Rosenberg a loft at Nos. 158 and 160 West 26th street.

G. W. Barner has leased for the Heatheron Realty Associates the first loft Nos. 47 and 48 Greenwich street; for David Crear the fourth loft Nos. 108 and 110 Duane street; for Robert Colgate & Co. the second and third lots No. 146 Reade street; for Carstens & Linckin the sixth lot No. 57 West 27th street.

**REALTY NOTES.**

The Cross & Brown Company has been appointed real estate agent and manager of the United States Rubber Company Building, which is now in course of construction at the southeast corner of Broadway and 18th street.

Dr. William E. Cuff is the purchaser of the dwelling house No. 227 West 100th street reported sold yesterday by Mrs. A. Ludiam. William R. Ware was the broker. Dr. Cuff will occupy the house. He recently sold his residence at No. 15 West 17th street.

Mrs. C. R. Randall is the purchaser of the dwelling house No. 29 Bradhurst avenue, sold recently by W. J. Huston & Son for Emma E. Cattus. Mrs. Randall will occupy the house.

A. R. Howland, of Tuxedo, is the buyer of the dwelling house No. 119 East 8th street, sold recently to George A. Vich-

## BUYS BIG WEST END AVENUE PLOT

**Syndicate, Headed by Architects, to Erect Twelve Story Apartment on Parcel at 86th Street.**

## BIG LOFT BUILDING TO BE ERECTED IN 31ST STREET

A few interesting sales were announced in the real estate market yesterday. Chief of these was the purchase of five dwelling houses in West End avenue, on which will be erected a twelve-story apartment house. The County Holding Company disposed of a large plot in West 31st street, between Fifth avenue and Broadway, on which parcel it is planned to build a twelve-story loft structure. An interesting lease, which will remove one of the few dwelling houses remaining in Madison avenue between 42d and 50th streets, was also reported.

The property in West End avenue sold is at the southeast corner of 8th street, where a syndicate headed by Mulliken & Moeller, the architects, has purchased a large plot from the Realty Company of America and the Leicestershire Realty Company, two corporations controlled by Franklin Pettit. The transaction covers the five houses at No. 52 to 58 West End avenue, on a plot fronting 102 feet in the avenue and 90 feet in 8th street. The site is slightly irregular at the rear, owing to the fact that the southerly one of the five houses is on a lot 100 feet deep. The price paid for the property by the new owners was \$200,000.

Mulliken & Moeller are preparing plans for the new apartment house to be erected on the plot immediately, and which is promised will be one of the finest yet built on the West Side.

Mr. Pettit acquired the plot a parcel at a time during the last two years, and finally succeeded in accumulating what many regard as one of the most attractive apartment house sites west of the park. It is said to be the only corner on 8th street now available for rebuilding, while so far as recent buying is concerned, this region around 8th street is looked upon as perhaps the most desirable part of West End avenue.

The property sold in the midtown section by the County Holding Company (S. F. and W. C. Adams, which in the near future will be improved with a tall mercantile building is at No. 25 to 29 West 31st street. The property, which fronts 884 feet and has a depth of 98.5 feet, is covered by a four-story dwelling house and a seven-story business building. The buyer is a Mr. Smith. The property is two houses east of the sixteen-story Arena Building, which was recently acquired by Martin Holding Company (G. Grayson Martin, president) from the Arena Construction Company. The entire transaction is said to involve more than \$400,000.

The property, No. 412 Madison avenue, at the northwest corner of 48th street, was retained by Pease & Elliman for the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, as trustee of the estate of William Alexander Smith, who, prior to 1882 was president of the New York Stock Exchange.

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## Y. W. C. A. BUYS.

The Young Woman's Christian Association of Yonkers has purchased, through J. Romaine Brown & Co.'s Yonkers office, the property No. 87 to 93 South Broadway, Yonkers, 108 feet front, for \$65,000. The property, K. Katz, of Yonkers, bought the property for investment about two years ago. This takes from the market almost the last of the large plots along South Broadway, which has developed vastly in the last five years.

## BROOKLYN SALES.

Charles E. Rickerson has sold for a client No. 59 Montgomery Place, a four story English basement dwelling house, to David Michel.

Frank A. Seaver has sold a one family frame detached house on plot 60x100 feet, at No. 1035 8th street, near Eleventh avenue, Dyker Heights, to Charles Kingsley for occupancy.

## BUYS LONG ISLAND CITY TRACT.

The Queens Plaza Court Company has bought a plot on the Long Island City Bridge plaza, in Long Island City, for \$150,000. The property is on the north side of the bridge with a frontage of 100 feet and extends in all directions. The Brewster plant and the office of the Queensboro Corporation W. Elmer Paynter is president of the company making the purchase. J. A. Wigman and William H. Williams are interested. It is understood that the purchasers will erect a large office building on the site.

## CONEY ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS.

Plans are being prepared for a new hotel, casino, stores, apartments and bungalows to cover the entire block on the west end of Coney Island, between 33rd and 36th streets, where the McPherson Hotel, the Elmer Paynter, is president of the company making the purchase. J. A. Wigman and William H. Williams are interested.

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## THE PRIVATE SALES MARKET.

23D STREET—Josephine G. Goodale has sold a plot in the corner of 23d street, between 5th and 6th avenues, to Margaret Lloyd, who will occupy it as a residence.

16TH STREET—M. L. Lepold has sold for Catherine A. Lavelle No. 148 and 152 Bryant avenue, two twin family brick houses.

19TH STREET—Josephine H. Barbary has sold a plot in the corner of 19th street, between 5th and 6th avenues, to Margaret Lloyd, who will occupy it as a residence.

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25TH STREET—William H. Horowitz has sold a plot in the corner of 25th street, between 5th and 6th avenues, to Margaret Lloyd, who will occupy it as a residence.

27TH STREET—Mrs. Lucie Schoeller has sold to Mrs. Rachel Goofield Nos. 351 and 353 East 7th street, two four story houses, and 335 East 7th street, a three story dwelling house.

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31ST STREET—William H. Whiting & Co. have sold to Dr. John C. Jackson, 122-124 West 12th street, a four story building, on a lot 20x68 feet, regular.

WEST END AVENUE—A syndicate headed by Mulliken & Moeller, the architects, has purchased the five houses No. 52 to 58 West 100th street, on plot 60x100 feet, in the avenue, and which will be erected a twelve-story apartment house.

141ST STREET—Thomas J. Mehan has sold to Mrs. Frances Bouton, of Brooklyn, 107-109 West 12th street, and 201-203 West 14th street, a plot 40x90.11 feet, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. This is the third time this year that Wyndham Court had figured in the brokerage reports.

RECORDED LEASES.

(With name and address of lessor.)

Interest 5 per cent unless otherwise stated.

AUGUST 10.—MANHATTAN.

11TH ST., 100 ft. s. of 10th ave.: Edward J. Deacon, to Peter L. Johnson, 100 ft. s. of 10th ave., for 10 yrs. at \$1,000.

12TH ST., 100 ft. s. of 10th ave.: Edward J. Deacon, to Peter L. Johnson, 100 ft. s. of 10th ave., for 10 yrs. at \$1,000.

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